

STATE RECEIPTS TOUCH HIGH POINT

Seven Million Dollar Mark Reached Yesterday, Breaking All Records.

NAMES FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Governor Issues Proclamation Setting Apart October 9, Tax Conference.

Counting the receipts of yesterday, there has been paid into the treasury of Virginia during the fiscal year now drawing to a close more than \$7,000,000. There are still three more working days in the year, which ends next Monday.

This far exceeds any year's receipts in the history of Virginia, from the day when the tobacco planters at Jamestown brought the first taxes collected in the colony and placed them in the hands of Captain John Smith.

Auditor C. Lee Moore smiled when he saw the balance sheet that the \$7,000,000 mark had just been topped. He has been hoping all through the month that he might reach his goal, and he is there with three days' receipts to spare.

The fiscal year was begun with a big deficit. More than \$100,000 worth of pension checks were held over into the new year, and remained unpaid on October 1, 1911, because there was no money to redeem them, and the railroad taxes had to be awaited. Besides, other payments were held up.

Of course, not by any means all of the \$7,000,000 belongs to the general fund. Some of it is the maintenance fund for the Bureau of Insurance, and some of it belongs to the Dairy and Food Department, which collect fees, and for which the Auditor's office acts merely as banker. But it is all public money in the last analysis.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Governor Names October 9, and Issues a Proclamation.

Aiming at the reduction of fire risk Governor Mann yesterday issued a proclamation setting apart October 9 as fire prevention day in Virginia. It is as follows:

As the result of fires during 1911, 741 persons died in buildings, and 4152 met death from burns. The property lost during the year was \$11,984,571, of which it is estimated that \$7,000,000 had been prevented. As every man who insures his property has to pay premiums in proportion to the risk incurred by the companies, it is of the utmost importance that the standpoint of life and property that every possible effort should be made to prevent fire.

New, therefore, I, William Hodges Mann, Governor of Virginia, designate Wednesday, October 9, 1912, as Fire Prevention Day, and earnestly request the citizens of the State on that day to examine and put in order all chimneys, flues and heating apparatus, that they put all rubbish and inflammable material in safe places, that on that day fire drills be held in all of the public schools, that trade and commercial organizations hold public meetings with exercises tending to develop a sense of personal responsibility for fire. I do further request all the newspapers of the State by the publication of this proclamation, and suitable articles on the subject of fire, to use their influence for the prevention of loss of life and property by fire.

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COLLEGE MEN TO HELP DEMOCRATS

Wilson and Marshall Clubs Will Be Organized in Three Local Institutions.

D. Hiden Ramsey, of the University of Virginia, has recently been appointed by W. F. McCombs, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, as active manager of the Virginia branch of the Woodrow Wilson College Men's League.

The primal purpose of the league is the organization of college men for Wilson and Marshall. Its membership is limited to those men who have attended or who are at present enrolled in collegiate institutions of collegiate rank. It is strongly non-partisan and national in its scope. It has no connections with the national organization as such, is not interested in local elections and confines its activities to the furtherance of the candidacy of Wilson and Marshall. Each State is under the active management of some man who has the immediate supervision of the organization of local branches.

Mr. Ramsey is at present engaged in organizing branch clubs in all the leading cities and colleges of the State. This organization differs from college men's movements which have figured in other campaigns in that its activities are extended to cover a large number of colleges. In a few days clubs will be organized among the college alumni of Richmond proper as well as the college students of Richmond College and the two medical schools.

OUTSIDERS WANT TO USE CITY WATER

Applications Come From Sections North and South of Corporate Limits.

Applications for city water were presented to the Council Committee on Water last night on behalf of Highland Park and the citizens of Swansboro, and were referred to a subcommittee consisting of Chairman Mills and Messrs. Huber, Mitchell and Moore. In his letter, Mayor McQuerry of Highland Park, stated that connections could be made over the Fifth Street viaduct to the distribution system already in use. In view of the pending request for annexation to Richmond, the town of Highland Park considered it unwise to spend money in sinking wells and improving a local water plant, which in that event would be useless.

The application for R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers' Home for free use of city water was referred to the Superintendent for report. Applications of First Assistant Superintendent William Lawton and Superintendent of Pumping Stations Heine for increase in pay to \$12,000 each were approved and recommended to the Council.

Messrs. Mills, Moore, Butler and Mitchell were appointed a subcommittee on additional pumping facilities. It being reported that a large amount of water power is being wasted at the new pump house, equivalent to about 300 horsepower, which could be utilized with but little expenditure for installation of machinery.

Passenger Train Derailed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Spencer, N. C., September 26.—Passenger train No. 33, on the Southern Railroad, from Greensboro to Wilkesboro, was derailed near Elkin this afternoon. The engine and three coaches were derailed and the track badly torn up. One mail clerk was slightly injured in the back, but there were no fatalities.

GOVERNOR FAVORS VIRGINIA EXHIBITS

Approves of Project to Install State Display at New York Land Show.

As the result of a conference yesterday morning between Governor Mann and T. M. LaJord, special field representative of the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, the Governor announced that he stood ready to aid as far as it lay in his power, the project of installing a worthy Virginia exhibit at the New York land show November 15 to December 2.

In addition to Governor Mann and Mr. LaJord there were present at the discussion, Business Manager Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner of Agriculture Kolner and Morgan B. Shepherd, business manager of the Southern Planter. Commissioner Kolner expressed his willingness to lend to the exhibit such Virginia products now on display in the State museums as could be transported without damage.

Governor Mann approved of the project in heartiest terms and regretted that no State funds were at his disposal which he could apply to this purpose. The contingent fund, he said, had been so thoroughly depleted by the demands made upon it by the Allen case, that no drafts could be made for the proposed exhibit.

Mr. Dabney stated yesterday that he would take the matter up with President Carrington, of the Chamber of Commerce, as soon as he returns to the city, with the view of securing the aid of that body. An attempt will be made to interest the other business organizations of the State.

The only hope for the exhibit lies now in interesting a sufficient number of landowners to put up the amount necessary for the purchase of space in the exposition, and for the proper installation and management of the exhibit. Mr. LaJord said yesterday that \$10,000 would be needed for this purpose. A number of interested men have expressed their willingness to contribute.

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FAIR WILL HAVE BABY CHECK-ROOM

Mothers May Deposit Youngsters and Receive Numbered Ticket in Return.

No family need hesitate to attend the State Fair with every baby in the household. As regards young children, the Fair Association has adopted a policy in marked contrast to that enforced by fashionable apartment houses, and will not only welcome the little tots when accompanied by caretakers, but will provide a special nursery in which any mother may deposit her baby if it is too young to walk, and receive a check entitling her to an infant bearing the appropriate number, when she is ready to go home.

The baby check-room is a new wrinkle this year and is designed to relieve fair visitors from the inconvenience of being encumbered with infants who have not reached the walking stage. The check-room will be in charge of an experienced nurse who will have at hand a comprehensive array of toys with which to pacify the youngsters should any of them become restless.

As pacifier-in-chief of the baby check-room, the executive committee of the State Fair Association yesterday designated W. Douglas Gordon, while his duties as secretary to the Fair Association will prevent his being present with the kids for any length of time, he will keep a general supervision over the check-room and will be the court of last resort should a rival claim be set up for any particular youngster.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Ashland, Va., September 26.—Rev. Mr. York, of Waynesboro, who has been visiting relatives in Tennessee, was here today with his sons, who are students at Randolph-Macon.

Mrs. John Daily is at the Henry Clay Inn. Captain Daily will join Mrs. Daily here in a few days, and they will go to South Carolina to visit their daughter.

Frank Bane, of Keyser, W. Va., an old Randolph-Macon boy, is visiting friends on the campus.

Mrs. Frank Day returned today from a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Alice Paine, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Charles Kimbrough Pendleton is visiting relatives in Fredericksburg. John Fridley leaves this week for Lexington, Ky., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Helen Totty and Baker, who have been guests of Miss Wright, have gone to Petersburg, where they are students at the Southern Seminary.

D. R. Cox and Miss Virginia Cox have returned from a visit to the Virginia Springs.

Miss Estelle Blanton, after a visit to relatives in Richmond, has returned home.

Miss Birdie Delanett and her guest, Miss Watson, of Washington, left yesterday for the Southern Seminary, Petersburg.

Misses Julia and Maria Herndon returned Monday from a two weeks' stay at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. James M. Cox spent Wednesday with relatives in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Josiah Leake and daughter, Miss Mary Bierre, who have been visiting Frank Bierre, a student at Oxford University, England, have returned and are expected here today to be the guests of Mrs. Clara Grant.

GOT NOMINATION BY ONE MAJORITY

Tredway Once Defeated Flournoy When They Voted "by the Living Voice."

NO TALK THEN OF CONTEST

Loser Congratulated Winner and Then Defeated Him Two Years Later.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

Speaking in the language of the baseball fans, the primary in the Fourth Congressional District had something of a "heart-stilling" finish. If, indeed, it has been finished. One day the reports had Turnbull elected by less than ten majority and the next day Watson was reported to have waited under the stars with three or five or nine majority. It was awfully close, and the end is not yet for the papers and the politicians all agree that there is to be a long-drawn-out contest, and the air is full of rumors of charges and counter-charges of frauds and irregularities, and ballot box stuffing, and illegal voting, and all that kind of thing, and with it all I heard well-read and well-informed people declaring that never in the history of Virginia was there such a close election. That last proposition is a mistake as shall hereinafter appear.

Everybody who has discussed this contest between Turnbull and Watson readily reaches the conclusion that no matter who shall finally be declared the winner of the congressional prize, there must necessarily be a contest, and perhaps a very bitter one, in which the defeated man, defeated by so small a margin, will have but little trouble in proving frauds and irregularities and short cuts on the part of his opponent or the friends and supporters of his opponent. These things seem to be taken for granted. I should not wonder if both sides prove no little of rascality practiced on and before the election day. It seems to be easy enough to do that in any election in the last few days. It was not thus in the old Virginia method of voting. Nobody ever heard of election frauds and double voting and ballot box stuffing and political short cuts in those days.

Recalls Famous Contest.

And this brings me to the story of a congressional election in Virginia that was closer and more exciting in the final hours than was the contest between Turnbull and Watson in the Fourth District last week. I have often heard the story told by old people in Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, and the late Judge Henry Flournoy, whose father was one of the contestants in that close fight for congressional honors, and who gave me all the details of the contest and the exact figures showing the vote by counties, and I made a record of them, but I have lost the record and have forgotten the figures.

Anyhow, in the year 1846 Thomas Stanhope Flournoy, of Halifax County, and William H. Tredway, of Pittsylvania, were the candidates for Congress. In what was then the Third Congressional District of Virginia, composed of the counties of Pittsylvania—Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Halifax. I do not remember what parties they represented, or what were the issues, but have been told that the campaign and the canvass were very warm, and everybody predicted that the vote would be close and in doubt until the end.

In those days old viva voce was in the saddle, and people voted, as my old friend, G. Williams Barker, of Henry County, used to say, "by the living voice." Nobody up to a printed card or written ballot, and as for that matter, nobody had ever seen a ballot box. Each voter walked up to the voting place and was asked by the one judge of election who he wanted to vote for and he spoke the name of his choice and a vote was then recorded for that candidate. Any one who wanted to could stand by and keep tally and know at the second the polls were closed who was elected or who was ahead in that particular

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county. Everything was free, open and above board, and there was no monkeying with the returns and no tampering with a ballot box, for the miserable thing had not then been invented, at least not in Virginia.

Well, election day came in that good year 1846, and the sovereigns in the five counties of the Third District were speaking out "by the living voice" their choice for Congressman, and when the returns came in from all the counties it was found that Tredway had just one more vote than had been recorded for Flournoy, and he was declared elected by a majority of one. Was there any talk of a contest or a recount? Certainly not. Were there any charges of fraud or irregularities, or cheating, or ballot box stuffing, or repeating, or of any kind of rascality in the conduct of the election? Certainly not, for the people had never heard of or dreamed of such things, and the friends of Flournoy never thought of besmirching the good name of Tredway or his followers and the friends of Tredway had no thought of counter-charges to place odium upon the unsullied name of Flournoy. And if any such thought had entered the mind of either side, there stood old viva voce to declare that there had been no frauds, and in the nature of the case there could not be any. That grand old man, Thomas Stanhope Flournoy, simply congratulated his friend, Tredway, and then whetted his knife for another fight, which took place two years afterwards, and in that race Flournoy beat Tredway by quite a good majority.

Contest Seems Certain.

But how about it now in the Fourth District? No matter what may be the verdict of the district committee next Monday when the final count is made, it is a foregone conclusion that the losing man will contest, and each side will undertake to prove rascality and robbery and trickery on the other side, and from what I happen to know about conditions I am prepared to wager dimes to doughnuts that both will succeed in proving those very things.

Some years ago I advocated in the press the return to Virginia of old viva voce, but the politicians and the statesmen laughed me to scorn, and said viva voce was antiquated and too slow, and that under that system of voting it would take two or three days to hold an election in Virginia. Well, what if it took two or three weeks, would we have an honest election, and that would, indeed, be something new under the sun, something that we have not had in Virginia since "way yonder 'fore de war." If you don't believe that last statement, just wait until the Watsons and the Turnbulls commence to prove things on each other in that inevitable forthcoming contest over in the Fourth District. Let us hope that the rattling of dry bones on that occasion may put the people in the humor to call old viva voce back from its long sleep and put it in practice again.

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